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### LOK SABHA

The following Bill was introduced in the Lok Sabha on 23rd November, 1954:—

BILL No. 53 OF 1954

*A Bill further to amend the Preventive Detention Act, 1950.*

BE it enacted by Parliament in the Fifth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

**1. Short title.**—This Act may be called the Preventive Detention (Amendment) Act, 1954.

**2. Amendment of section 1, Act IV of 1950.**—In section 1 of the Preventive Detention Act, 1950,—

(a) for sub-section (2), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:—

“(2) It extends to the whole of India except the State of Jammu and Kashmir.”;

(b) in sub-section (3), for the figures “1954”, the figures “1957” shall be substituted.

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### STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS.

The Preventive Detention Act, 1950, is due to expire on the 31st December, 1954. The primary reason for the enactment of this legislation was to protect the country against activities intended to subvert the Constitution and the maintenance of law and order or to interfere with the maintenance of supplies and services essential to the community. Experience in the working of the Act has shown that this legislation has proved an effective instrument in the maintenance of law and order. In these circumstances, it is considered essential that the powers conferred by the Preventive Detention Act should be continued. Instead of going to Parliament year after year for the extension of the life of the Act, it is proposed to extend

it for a period of three years beyond the 31st December, 1954. This will incidentally enable the re-examination of the Act by Parliament after the General Election of 1956-57.

K. N. KÁTJU.

NEW DELHI;  
*The 17th November, 1954.*

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M. N. KAUL,  
*Secretary.*